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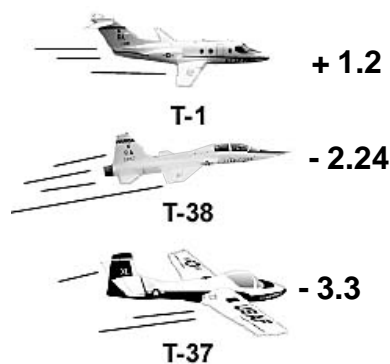
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Mission status

(As of March 13)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)



Fiscal Year 2001 statistics

--Sorties flown: 27,966
--Hours flown: 41,897.4
--Pilot wings earned in FY 01: 136
--Wings earned since 1963: 11,844

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Command chief visits Laughlin

By 1st Lt. Dawnita Parkinson

47th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. William Milligan, Air Education and Training Command's top enlisted troop, visited Laughlin Monday and Tuesday to take an up-close look at the wing's training process and quality-of-life issues.

After meeting with dozens of airmen across the base, Chief Milligan said he's leaving Laughlin with good news for his boss – airman morale at Laughlin is high and training is topnotch.

Chief Milligan advises the AETC commander and senior staff on the morale, welfare and effective use of AETC's more than 34,000 enlisted people, as well as more than 350,000 enlisted students annually. He took over the prestigious position last February.

"The AETC commander (Gen. Hal M. Hornburg) has taken great strides to recruit and keep quality



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

AETC Command Chief Master Sgt. William Milligan discusses the Air Force lifestyle Tuesday with Airman 1st Class Maralah Wright, command post controller, during his visit to Laughlin this week.

people," said the chief. "Our people today are as high quality as ever – we haven't changed or lowered one standard."

In order to advise AETC's senior staff effectively, Chief Milligan said he

must make frequent visits around the command, which includes 13 bases, Air University, the Air Force Recruiting Service and Wilford Hall Medical

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96th pilot awarded Distinguished Flying Cross

By Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Editor

A member assigned to the 96th Flying Training Squadron was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross March 9 in a ceremony here.

Maj. Charles "Axe" Maxwell, an instructor pilot, earned the medal for his heroic efforts during a 1999 flight over the former Republic of Yugoslavia while participating in Operation Allied Force.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to servicemembers who distinguish themselves in aerial combat or display heroism while working as instructor or student pilots.

Maj. Maxwell received the award for an F-117A Stealth Fighter flight he made while at Aviano Air Base, Italy. He volunteered for and piloted a mission deep into the heart of Serbian territory. Despite personal risk due to threat activity in his vicinity, he delivered a laser-guided

bomb at one enemy target for a direct hit. He then delivered a second weapon to another target causing major destruction to both targets.

While he loves being a pilot and says there is no better vocation in the world, Maj. Maxwell admits that sometimes his job can be tough. He says a military pilot must come to terms with what he or she is trained to do before being called upon to execute that training.

"If you want to commit yourself to a profession where you will be asked to kill and risk being killed, you must prepare yourself beforehand," he said. "Ask yourself this question: 'If I knew I had a chance of dying in the next week, month or year, how would I live my remaining time? What would I change or improve in my relationships with my wife, children, siblings or parents?' I did the right thing regarding my family, but



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Commander's Corner



Airmen's breakfast stresses importance of AF leadership

By Col. Jack Egginton

47th Flying Training Wing commander

Every Tuesday morning, I sponsor what is known as the "Egg's Breakfast." These events allow me to meet and associate with Laughlin airmen and get their perspectives on life. I ask them to start with a brief personal history and then, if they desire, to pass on their pearls of wisdom for improving the base. Although a bit shy at first, most of them are eager to share their thoughts and seem grateful for the chance.

At a recent breakfast, an airman shared a particularly insightful view of leadership and its importance to the retention of first-term airmen. She told of her experiences with her immediate supervisors and second-tier leaders. She eloquently described her vision of a good leader.

Her words painted a picture of a caring boss who takes personal interest in the welfare, training and advancement of his/her subordinates — someone who takes personal responsibility for assisting

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Network security depends on you

By Col. William T. Lord

Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

The security of Air Force networks depends on you. Without it, we can't leverage the immense power of information to increase the lethality of our warfighters.

Throughout the year, the entire Air Force is focusing on a unified campaign, "Global Vigilance, Reach and Power: Information Assurance in the 21st Century." This campaign is important because the next "Pearl Harbor" is likely to begin with a massive assault on our information systems.

Because of our increased reliance on computer networks to defend our nation, each military member, civilian employee and contractor must constantly remember when one person uses poor security practices, he or she imposes increased

risks on all who use our networks.

With this in mind, don't become the weak link in the security of our networks. Make a continual effort to identify and eliminate any weak security practices. Help your coworkers by taking time to correct them when they use improper practices.

By making a continuous, conscious effort to improve security, you are doing much more than protecting your official e-mail or your administrative word processing files. You are protecting networks that have become integral to defense.

I encourage everyone to participate in and contribute to the 2001 Information Assurance Awareness Campaign activities, as the Air Force continues to provide world-class information superiority to warfighters. With diligence, we can stop the next "Pearl Harbor" before it begins.

(Courtesy Air Force News Service)

Ecstasy wreaks havoc on careers

By Maj. Jeffrey Palmer

30th Space Wing Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — When a person takes, or "rolls" on, ecstasy, it can be almost like an out-of-body experience. An overwhelming sense of euphoria takes over, with all the senses peaked to maximum capacity. Ordinary things take on extraordinary dimensions.

For some, ecstasy sounds pretty cool. But what is happening when you take ecstasy?

Ecstasy is a powerful chemical compound that harms neurons that release serotonin, a chemical in the brain that is thought to play an important role in regulating memory and other functions. Ecstasy also increases one's heart rate and body temperature and can lead to severe dehydration.

At the University of California at Santa Barbara, a student recently died of cardiac arrest during her first and only use of ecstasy. Also, the muscles in the jaw contract involuntarily, causing teeth grinding. Frequently, the cheek lining and tongue are chewed without the user realizing it, so an infant pacifier is a standard piece of the drug user's paraphernalia.

In people who use ecstasy, the lasting effects include significant impairments in visual and verbal memory, impairments in other cognitive functions, such as the ability to sustain attention or reason verbally.

The first studies of the neurotoxic effects of ecstasy occurred more than seven years ago on research animals. Today, the animals are brain damaged. One conclusion drawn from these studies is that the effects of ecstasy are long-lasting and possibly permanent.

Perhaps some are willing to put their

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"Excellence — not our goal, but our standard."

— 47 FTW motto

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subordinates to reach their potential. She praised a leader who earnestly mentored and provided corrective counsel in a constructive way. These are the leaders she wanted to emulate. These are the leaders who motivated her toward continued service in the Air Force. These are the leaders whom she expected to find in our Air Force.

I often ask members of our wing what they think we should be doing better. Interestingly, about 30 percent of the enlisted and officers respond that we need to provide better leadership in our first-line supervision.

Specifically, they call for more personal involvement on the part of their leaders. This corresponds very closely to the results of the 1998 chief of staff's survey, which indicated that only 54 percent of U.S. Air Forces in Europe enlisted personnel and 70 percent of officers felt their supervisors knew them. I submit that that is unacceptable. What do you think?

Gen. Gregory Martin, USAFE commander, recently told us what he thinks.

"Subordinates want to know that their leaders know them, respect their contributions and ideas, and care about them and their families," he said. "I still get excited when my bosses listen to my feedback, use it when appropriate and express appreciation for my work, and so do you.

"Let that be your guide when interacting with subordinates. A word of encouragement or thanks from a leader carries a lot of weight. Be generous

with encouragement and recognition, and encourage your subordinate leaders to do the same."

We lead people; therefore, leadership has to be a very personal thing. Become involved in the lives of those you lead. If you don't know them, how can you maximize their strengths, minimize their weaknesses and enable their success?

Speaking of success, it is our obligation as leaders to promote the success of those we lead and those who lead us. It is our charter to take the priorities of our bosses and make them our priorities and those of our subordinates. Our "service before self" applies equally up, as well as down, the chain of command.

Concentrate on ensuring the success of the next link in your chain of command, above and below your level. If we focus our efforts on their objectives and priorities then they will succeed. By definition, if they succeed then we do, too.

We all have eager airmen in our organizations. They are seeking our leadership. It is vital that we provide the kind of leadership they deserve. In so doing, we prepare them to be tomorrow's leaders and our replacements. What better gift can we give to our great Air Force? Lead on my fellow airmen!

Correction: Master Sgt. Paul Tanaleon's name was misspelled on second reference in the senior master sergeant article on page 9 of the March 9 Border Eagle issue.

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body through that experience and risk the dangers of side effects, but at what personal cost? At Vandenberg, there were five ecstasy courts-martial last year. There were also a few ecstasy users who received Article 15 punishments and discharges.

Each of those young people's lives has changed forever. I seriously doubt that any of them considered the full impact ecstasy would have on their careers or their futures when they "rolled."

In 2000, the number of ecstasy investigations conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations increased by more than 400 percent from 1999. Air Force-wide, the number of positive urinalysis tests for ecstasy increased by more than 200 percent from 1999. While it has quickly become the drug of choice for young people across the country, it's now encroaching on the Air Force. Where does it all end?

Well, if you're in the Air Force it has to end here and now. Education is one of the keys to deterring illegal drug use by our people.

Everyone needs to understand the consequences of ecstasy use – not just the physiological consequences to the body and brain, but the personal consequences to his or her Air Force career and to his or her aspirations for the future. Could a few moments of ecstasy ever be worth that?

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Actionline

Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply.

It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



Col. Jack Egginton
47 FTW commander

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Question: I have a problem with the gym basketball court in the XL Fitness Center. It seems with the expense that goes into resurfacing the floor that the staff would do a better job keeping it clean. I go in there three or four days out of the week, sometimes morning and evening, and the floor is always dusty.

Also, the basketball nets they have been putting up lately have been cheap cotton nets that wear out after a couple of weeks. It seems to me

an extra couple of dollars spent on some nylon nets would actually save money in the long run.

Answer: This problem has been addressed with the contract QAE and the project manager. The floor in the gymnasium is damp mopped every day by the contractor. The XL Fitness Center staff dry mops the floor throughout the day. Because of the age of the facility and antiquated ventilation system, dust is a continuous problem in all areas of the

XL Fitness Center. Our desire is to provide a clean and safe exercise environment. If this is not happening, please notify an XL Fitness Center staff member, and we will take steps to rectify the problem.

The XL Fitness Center orders many supply items in bulk. This is the case with the basketball nets. Unfortunately, the current nets are not the quality we prefer. Once the stock has been depleted, new nets will be ordered from a different company.

Laughlin member selected for promotion to colonel

A Laughlin member was recently notified that he is among the 55 Air Force lieutenant colonels selected for promotion to the rank of colonel.

Lt. Col. E. Yancey Walker III, 47th Medical Support Squadron commander, is the only base member selected by the 2001A colonel central section boards for judge advocate general, medical service corps and nurse corps.

The entire list of selectees is currently posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

The selection boards, which convened at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base Jan. 8, considered 421 officers. The results of the boards are as follows:

Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone for colonel:

■ JAG – 26 selected from 50 considered for a 52-percent select rate

■ MSC – Nine selected from 19 considered for a 47.4-percent select rate

■ NC – 14 selected from 38 considered for a 36.8-percent select rate

Selection statistics above-the-promotion zone for colonel:

■ JAG – One selected from 31 considered for a 3.2-percent select rate

■ MSC – One selected from 20 considered for a 5-percent select rate

■ NC – One selected from 33 considered for a 3.0-percent select rate

Selection statistics below-the-promotion zone colonel:

JAG – One selected from 68 considered for a 1.5-percent select rate

■ MSC – One selected from 70 considered for a 1.4-percent select rate

■ NC – One selected from 92 considered for a 1.1-percent select rate



Laughlin Newslines

Armed Forces Day 2001

Armed Forces Day 2001 will be celebrated May 19 at the Plaza Del Sol Mall in Del Rio. The next planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Fiesta Center. Meetings are projected to be the same time and location every two weeks.

If you would like to support this event, call Master Sgt. Benny St. John at 298-5441 or Master Sgt. Timothy Griffin at 298-4376.

OSC social

This month's OSC social will be a dinner theater with the Upstagers. They will be performing a musical called "Monkey Business." Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m..

RSVP by today to Angela O'Connell at 298-7081 or Jackie Oberdieck at 298-7201.

Commissary sale

The Laughlin commissary will have a parking lot sale Saturday. For more information, call 298-5815.

Scholarships

The Laughlin Officers' Spouses' Club and USPA and IRA are offering academic and vocational scholarships to graduating seniors of class 2001. Applicants must be dependents of active duty, active Reserve, retired, deceased, or Department of Defense civilian employees.

For more information, call Bob Harry at 298-7956.

HCAC meeting

The next HCAC Council meeting is scheduled for April 6 at 1 p.m. in the Wing Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

The HCAC is a forum for exchanging information between providers and consumers of health care at Laughlin.

For more information, call Mina Stover at 298-6311.

Contracting closure

The 47th Contracting Squadron will be closed from Monday through March 30 for training and to integrate a new contracting computer system.

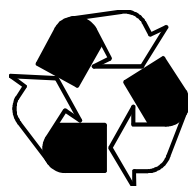
For contracting emergencies, or for more information, call 298-5116.

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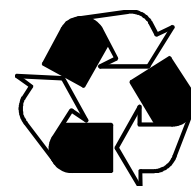
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Two promoted to senior airman below the zone

Compiled by staff reports

Two airmen were recently informed they would be promoted to senior airman under the highly competitive Below-the-Zone program.

Airmen who have displayed increased responsibility are considered, and their selection not only indicates they are the best of the best, it allows them to sew on that new stripe six months early.

Airmen 1st Class Nathan Kerbs, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron aerospace physiology apprentice, and Airman 1st Class Billy West, 47th Communications Squadron ground radio communications apprentice, were notified March 8 that they will sew on the rank of senior airman early.



(Courtesy photo)

Airman 1st Class Billy West, 47th Communications Squadron ground radio communications apprentice, celebrates his new stripe with Col. Jack Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Airman 1st Class Nathan Kerbs, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron aerospace physiology apprentice, explains T-37 air egress to Airman Leanna Jackson, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron aerospace physiology apprentice. Egress training deals with the proper way to eject from an aircraft.



From the Blotter (March 3-8)



■ Civil law enforcement personnel requested explosive detector dog assistance after a telephone bomb threat was received at Luby's Cafeteria in Del Rio. Security forces military working dog handlers immediately responded and conducted a search and declared the area safe.

■ An individual backed into a parked vehicle. Damage to the parked vehicle consisted of a broken signal light and headlight.

■ A vehicle was struck on the passenger side while entering a gate after it was blown shut due to heavy winds. No estimate of the damage was received from the driver.

■ Three individuals requested help in gaining access to their vehicles after locking the keys inside. Security Forces gained access without damage.

Tips of the week:

Ensure your children are aware of stranger danger. Here are some tips to help you protect your loved ones:

■ If alone at home, children must know to never give out information over the phone. It is a good idea to teach them to screen calls or let answering machines pick up.

■ Develop a code word between you and your child to use when someone else needs to pick them up anywhere. If the magic word (code) is not given, he/she does not get in the vehicle.

■ If a stranger stops to ask questions, children should not get close to the vehicle and should run the opposite way in which the car is facing. Most adults do not ask for directions from children.

■ Children must tell a trusted adult immediately if a stranger attempts to talk to them, get them into a car or lure them away from their school or daycare.

For more information on crime prevention tips, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Warren at 298-5589.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse is everyone's job! If you know or suspect FWA, call the FWA hotline at 298-4170.

SUPT Class 01-06 graduates

Student Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 01-06 graduates at 10 a.m. today in the Operation Training Complex auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air Force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 "Tweet." In the T-37, students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized track.

The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo pilot training in the T-1 aircraft; fighter pilots training in the T-38, turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44; and helicopter training in Army's UH-1. Advanced training in a track takes about 26 weeks.

Graduates of Class 01-06 have been assigned to aircraft at duty stations throughout the country.



Capt. Corey M. Love
KC-135 Salt Lake City, Utah (ANG)



2nd Lt. Gabriel A. Cantu
F-15 Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Aaron M. Boston
C-17 Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Jeffrey M. Burns
C-21 Langley AFB, Va.



2nd Lt. David G. Cash
C-21 Scott AFB, Ill.



2nd Lt. Benjamin S. Douglas
C-141 Memphis, Tenn. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Aaron M. Chatraw
KC-135 Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Kristin M. Gillham
C-130 Pope AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Matthew L. Hartzog
KC-135 Grand Forks, N.D.



2nd Lt. Andrée C. Hertz
C-5 Kelly AFB (AFRES)



2nd Lt. Jeffrey K. Hilfiker
KC-10 Travis AFB, Calif.



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C-17 Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Erik J. Jacobson
F-16 Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Jessen A. Malathu
KC-135 McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Joseph N. Murphy
F-16 Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Bradley R. Opp
T-37 Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Brian P. Wallace
B-1 Dyess AFB



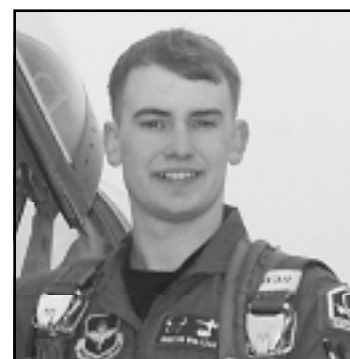
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C-5 Dover AFB, Del. (AFRES)



2nd Lt. J.B. Wills
RC-135 Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. William H. Wimsatt III.
E-3 Elmendorf AFB, Alaska



2nd Lt. Winston C. Wolczak
T-37 Laughlin AFB

87th named Best Flying Training Squadron in AETC

By Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit
Editor

The 87th Flying Training Squadron was recently recognized as the Best Flying Training Squadron in Air Education and Training Command for Fiscal Year 2000.

The 87th received the honor for providing "exceptional" advanced jet flying training to 130 new pilots from Oct. 1, 1999, to Sept. 30, 2000.

As the largest T-38 Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training squadron in AETC, the 87th flew more than 17,404 sorties, totaling 21,274 hours, while maintaining a 10-year safety record of no major mishaps.

This particular accomplishment also earned the squadron the AETC 2000 Ten Year Sustained Performance award.

"This squadron earned the award by executing its primary mission better than anybody in the command," said Lt. Col. Jeff Ellis, 87 FTS operations officer. "The instructor pilots in this squadron are hands down the best T-38 drivers in [AETC]. They have given a whole new meaning to 'excellence is the standard' and the results speak for themselves."

During the past year, the 87th has taken several initiatives to improve its training program. This advanced training has resulted in no student washouts due to flying

deficiencies, and no T-38 SUPT graduate has washed out of follow-on training in Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) or F-15, F-16 and A-10 Fighter Training units.

"The instructor pilots took a long, hard look at what the training pipeline required and gave the follow-on units what they wanted," explained Lt. Col. Ellis. "They raised the bar of accepted standards for themselves and the students and everybody has delivered."

Though some may associate no student washouts with a lax program standard, Lt. Col. Ellis says that is definitely not the case.

"Some people think that if you aren't washing anybody out, you probably aren't doing the job right," he said. "But when all these graduates successfully

"The instructor pilots in this squadron are hands down the best T-38 drivers in [AETC]."

-Lt. Col. Jeff Ellis, 87th Flying Training Squadron operations officer

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Photo by Dave Niebergall

Lt. Col. Glenn Larsen, former 96th Flying Training Squadron commander, pins the Distinguished Flying Cross medal on Maj. Charles "Axe" Maxwell, 96th instructor pilot.

some of my squadron mates were somewhat distracted."

Maj. Maxwell stresses that war is taxing on the mind and spirit, yet it is precisely at this moment when military aviators must execute their training with no hesitation.

"Step time for your first combat mission is not the time to start having regrets about relationships," he explained. "I had no regrets because I did the right thing."

The major said he ranks receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross among the highest Air Force honors he has earned.

"Frankly, I'm humbled," he said. "When I compare what I did to what others have done during combat in Vietnam, Korea and World War II, I partially feel that I don't deserve this accolade."

Though he treasures receiving the medal, the major says something else is more important to him.

"I'm honored by this distinction, but the respect of my peers for my day-to-day performance is far more important to me than any award."

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Center in San Antonio, as well as numerous detachments on other command and service installations.

“The only way I can get out and get a hand on the pulse and give my boss advise he needs to make decisions to ensure effective training is to be on the road,” Chief Milligan said. “There are few weeks I don’t travel somewhere.”

While Laughlin is one of the command’s smaller and more remote bases, Chief Milligan said its size and location should not determine tour success.

“It doesn’t matter where you are,” he said. “The principles to make a good

tour are the same: to learn as much as you can about your specialty and be as good as you can for the United States Air Force. As General Hornburg says, there are four ‘U’s’: U.S.A., U.S.A.F., Unit and ‘U.’ If you adopt that attitude, you won’t be disappointed.”

During his two-day visit, the chief met with airmen from the command post, contracting, legal, security forces, as well as student pilots. He said the troops seem to be enjoying their jobs and that he was impressed with their professionalism.

“Morale is outstanding,” he said. “Are there issues? There are always some issues. The key is to find out what those issues are and address

them. Enlisted people like what they do, and they appreciate and understand the Air Force mission – but they need to know their needs and concerns are being addressed.”

The chief said it’s up to senior NCOs to take on troops’ concerns and show a genuine interest in their progression. He also said it’s important troops understand their worth because it’s the only way to ensure that those who leave the Air Force leave for the right reasons.

“If you think leadership is bad, stick around and fix it,” Chief Milligan said. “Understand that everybody has different qualities and different abilities and learn to live with that, not run from

it. If you’re going to leave the Air Force, it should be because you can’t achieve your life pursuits and goals in the Air Force – not because you don’t like something.”

After serving almost 27 years in the Air Force, Chief Milligan has an infectious passion for his job – just ask him how he’s doing.

“I got a pulse, and I got a uniform on,” he said. “I never in my life expected to be where I am. I don’t care what the Air Force wants me to do, I’ll go do it tomorrow. And that’s genuine from me. I just love being a part of the greatest Air Force in the world – and that’s something that has to make you feel good.”

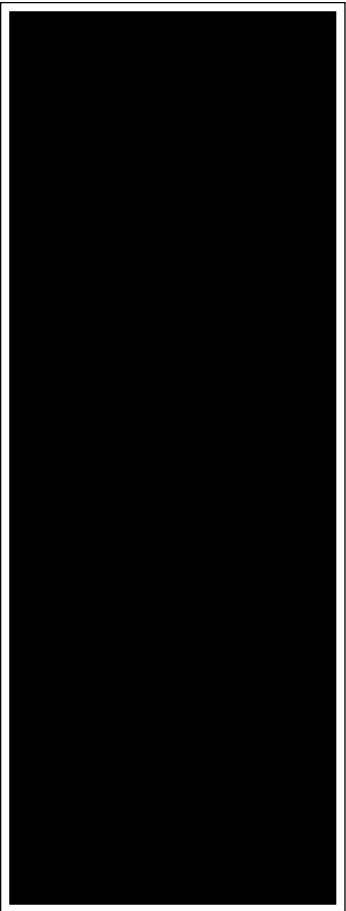
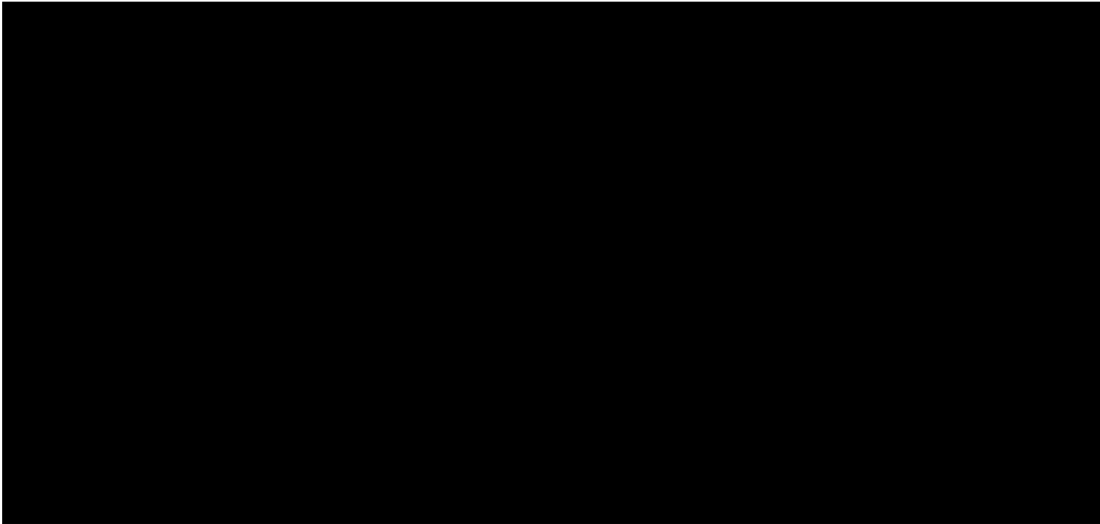
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complete follow-on training, I think we are doing something phenomenally right! The AETC IFF washout rate has remained steady at 12 percent, but Laughlin T-38 graduates have accounted for 0 percent of this. That is unprecedented!”

During the recent 2000 Operational Readiness Inspection, the 87th was instrumental in the 47th Operations

Group’s overall “Excellent” rating and has consistently worked to improve.

“An old squadron commander of mine used to say, ‘Men, you gotta know who you are and what you stand for first,’” said Lt. Col. Ellis. “I think the 87th figured this out a long time ago and the hard work is paying off. I have never been more proud of an organization in my 19-year career.”



Do you really know who St. Patrick was?

By Chaplain (Maj.) Frank M. Hamilton
Base chapel

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was a complex man. First, he was not Irish, but was born either in a Celtic province of Britain or in France. Secondly, he came from a devoutly Christian home. He was the nephew of St. Martin of Tours and the son of a church deacon. Yet, as a youth, he rejected the Christian faith taught to him by his parents.

Patrick was a shepherd. When he was 16 years old and tending his father's sheep, he was captured by slave traders. They took him to Ireland and sold him into slavery. In Ireland, he was treated harshly by his master. He was ill fed and ill clothed amid the snow, rain and ice. While he was living in these adverse conditions, he was converted to the faith of his parents – the faith he had rejected as a youth.

When Patrick was 22 years old, he ran away from his master and found his way back home. He returned home a changed man. Now a believer in Jesus Christ, he spent time under the spiritual direction of his uncle, St. Martin. He decided to become a priest. Because Patrick was unedu-

cated, he had to study hard for the priesthood. Overcoming these obstacles, he did become a priest and later became a missionary.

He went back to Ireland to spread his faith, back to the land and people who enslaved and mistreated him for five years.

Returning to Ireland as a missionary, Patrick continued to suffer both physically and mentally for his faith, but God blessed him with a fruitful ministry.

St. Patrick baptized many barbarians, ordained many priests, and created in Ireland a religious center from which countless missionaries would be launched. Europe was Christianized by many of the missionaries whom Patrick trained.

St. Patrick's life shows us several things. Although children might seem to reject the faith and teaching of parents, it shows us that children take in more than we ever know.

Patrick's life shows us that God is always at work in His world to bring people to Himself. It

shows us that God is with us and does not forget us.

Patrick's life shows us true forgiveness and that we can, with God's help, forgive our enemies, even when they take away our rights and freedom. Patrick shows us the type of love that is sacrificial. He wanted to share with his former captors the love of God. He writes, "I returned to the Irish to preach the Gospel, to endure the taunts of unbelievers and even to become a slave once more if necessary. I am ready also to give up my life without hesitation for the Gospel I preach. I wish to spend my life in Ireland, and to even be buried there, if God would give me that privilege."

As military members, I hope the life of St. Patrick inspires us all to become more adaptable to living in different countries and cultures under hostile conditions. And I hope the love Patrick displayed toward the Irish will teach us to likewise love our enemies.

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Women in history: Abolitionist: Harriet Tubman

Born a slave about 1820 on a plantation in Dorchester county, Maryland, Araminta Greene later adopted her mother's first name, Harriet.

From early childhood she worked variously as a maid, a nurse, a field hand, a cook and a woodcutter. About 1844, she married John Tubman, a free black man.

In 1849, on the strength of rumors that she was about to be sold, she fled to Philadelphia, Pa. In December 1850 she made her way to Baltimore, Md., where she led her sister and two children to freedom. That journey was the first of some 19 increasingly dangerous forays into Maryland in which, over the next decade, she conducted upwards of 300 fugitive slaves along the "Underground Railroad" to Canada.

By her extraordinary courage, ingenuity, persistence and iron discipline, which she enforced upon her charges, she became the railroad's most famous conductor and was known as the "Moses of her people."

Rewards offered by slaveholders for her capture eventually totaled \$40,000. Abolitionists, however, celebrated her courage. John Brown, who consulted her about his own plans, referred to her as "Gen. Tubman."

About 1858, she bought a small farm near Auburn, N.Y., where she and her aged parents lived thereafter.

From 1862-1865 she served as a spy, as well as nurse and laundress, for Union forces in South Carolina. After the Civil War, she settled in Auburn and began taking in orphans and old



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people, a practice that eventually in the Harriet Tubman Home for Indigent Aged Negroes. The home later attracted the support of former abolitionist comrades and of the citizens of Auburn, and it continued in existence for some years after her death.

In the late 1860s, and again in the late 1890s, she applied for a federal pension for her Civil War services. Some 30 years after her service, a private bill providing for \$20 monthly was passed by Congress.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-Saturday Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.
-Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.
-Confession by appointment.
-Choir, 6 p.m. Thursdays.
-CCD, 11 a.m., Religious Education Building
-Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. Sunday in Chapel Fellowship Hall
Jewish
Max Stool, call 775-4519.

Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200.

Protestant

-General worship, 11 a.m.
- Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m. Wednesday at Chapel.
Student Wives' Fellowship, 7-9 p.m. Monday. Call 298-7365.
-Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Building.
-Choir, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Chapel
Chapel Youth Group
-Sunday, 5 p.m. Chapel Fellowship Hall

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.



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IG Find-a-Word answers

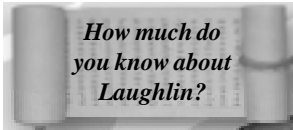
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Laughlin History

Q: In 1998, the wing dedicated the CAI lab in Building 328 in honor of Brig. Gen. George H. Beverley. Who was Brig. Gen. Beverley?

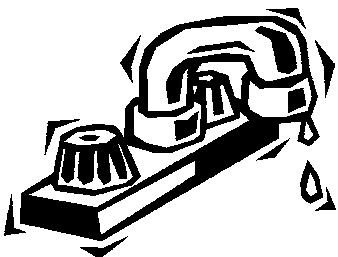


- (a) One of the Signal Corps' first FAIPs
- (b) Second commander of Laughlin
- (c) Former commander of Air Training Command

A: The correct answer is (a). Brig. Gen. Beverley was one of the first FAIPs in 1918. He was also a founding member of the Order of Daedalians, instrumental in creating the Daedalian Flight at Laughlin, and piloted 112 aircraft for more than 8,000 flying hours.

Conserve water

Replace washers in leaky faucets.



New squadron commander

96th Flying Training Squadron commander: Lt. Col. Kenneth A. Mattison

Hometown: Springfield, Ore.

Years in service: 19 years

Education: Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science, Oregon State University; Master's of Education in International Relations, Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Previous assignments: Myrtle Beach AFB, Vance AFB, Ramstein AB, Kunsan AB, Hill AFB, Langley AFB, Holloman AFB, Sheppard AFB and Laughlin AFB

Goals as commander: To make sure the 96th does everything possible to support the 47th Flying Training Wing's mission of producing the best pilots in the world

Greatest feat: Being married to a wonderful girl for 23 years and the father of six children

Leadership philosophy: Treating your people with fairness and respect is the best way to get the mission done.

Personal hero: Former President Ronald Reagan

Hobbies: Homebuilt aircraft, hangliding and radio-controlled airplanes

Bad habit: Being in too big a hurry



The *XLer*

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
Family: Husband, Norm; daughter, Rachel, 9; sons, Nick, 13, Travis, 8, Taylor, 6
Time at Laughlin: 350 days
Time in service: 10 years
Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Better restaurants
Hobbies: Running, reading and cooking
Greatest accomplishment: Completing a triathlon
Bad habit: Eating too much
Favorite beverage: Miller Lite
Favorite food: Medium-rare ribeye steak
Motto: Do it and quit whining!
If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? Myself. When you have four kids, you never get an hour to yourself!

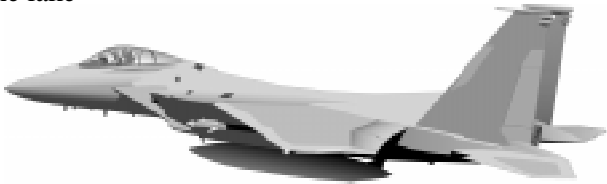


Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

2nd Lt. Donna Fox
47th Medical Support Squadron

Where are they now?

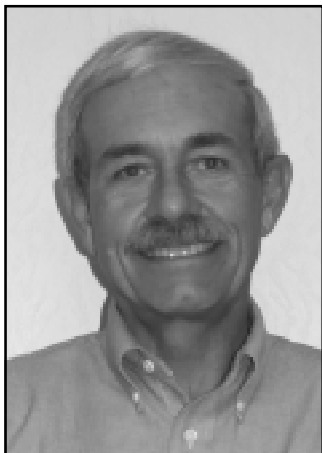
Name: Capt. David J. Stock
Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 98-01, Oct. 24, 1997
Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: F-15C, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
Mission of your current aircraft? Air to air superiority
What do you like most about your current aircraft? It is a great two-engine jet and the best for the mission
What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? Long hours
What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly? Working to help my friends
What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Hanging out with the bros
What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Study hard, make good friends and enjoy the lake



Question of the week

March is Ethics Awareness Month.

How do you define ethics?



"Codes of conduct by which individuals and groups strive to achieve a balance between right and wrong. Essentially, practicing the "Golden Rule" despite the sometimes natural tendency to do otherwise."

Jack Wallace
47th Flying Training Wing



"Ethics comes into play when you are placed into a precarious situation and you choose the moral thing to do versus the decision that would be more advantageous for you."

Lt. Col. Jacqueline Harry
47th Mission Support Squadron



"Your moral codes and sense of what is right and wrong."

Airman 1st Class John M. Hamilton
47th Communications Squadron



"A set of standards by which one lives by."

Airman Basic Elizabeth A. Abrie
47th Communications Squadron

Lost wallet finds owner

By Mary Galbraith
Ogden Air Logistics Center
Public Affairs

Fifteen years ago, a forgotten lock landed a swimmer in hot water with his parents.

In 1986, 17-year-old high school senior Ron Daskevich was a regular at the Hess Fitness Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. That year Daskevich, a member of his school's swim team, threw his belongings — including a wallet — into a gym locker for a few hours while he swam laps in the pool with teammates. Usually his gear was locked up, but he forgot his lock that day.

When he returned, the wallet was gone. It remained missing until Daskevich, now an Air Force captain stationed at Hill AFB with the 84th Radar Evaluation Squadron, recently got a call from a security forces airman.

"I was very surprised when [she] called me up because [she] said, 'Sir, somebody's turned your wallet in.' I checked my pocket and it was in there. So I asked, 'Are you sure it's mine?' And [she] said, 'Yeah. It's got your dependent ID card that expired in 1989.'"

When the Hess Fitness Center replaced old lockers in late February, resting among the unclaimed sweat socks, old tennis shoes and lost keys was Daskevich's wallet — preserved behind the lockers all this time.

Airman 1st Class Stacia Kennedy, who works at the Hess Fitness Center, was excited about finding a 15-year-old missing wallet and tried looking Daskevich up on the Internet and locating a contact number inside the wallet. She did not have much success, and the wallet was soon turned in to security forces. Kennedy was shocked when she discovered Daskevich was right on base.

No one at the gym expected the son of a major stationed at Hill AFB in 1986 would still be there after all this time.

Using his ID card, Staff Sgt. Kimberly Johnson, a security forces member, followed procedure and looked Daskevich up in Hill's personnel roster then gave him a call. Johnson said the wallet is probably the oldest item security forces ever returned intact.

When Daskevich lost the wallet, his father, a pilot at the time, was on temporary duty overseas, so having a new ID issued was complicated because his father was out of the country. Both of his parents were pretty upset with him at the time, so he called them last week to let them know what became of the wallet that caused them so many problems in the mid-1980s.

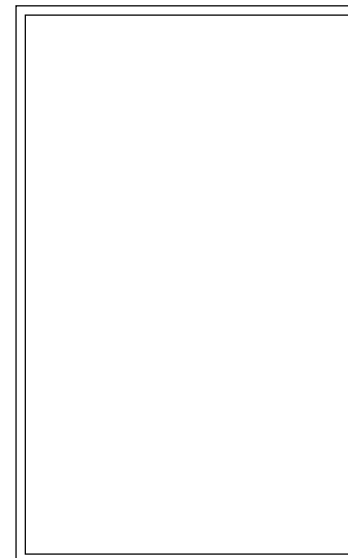
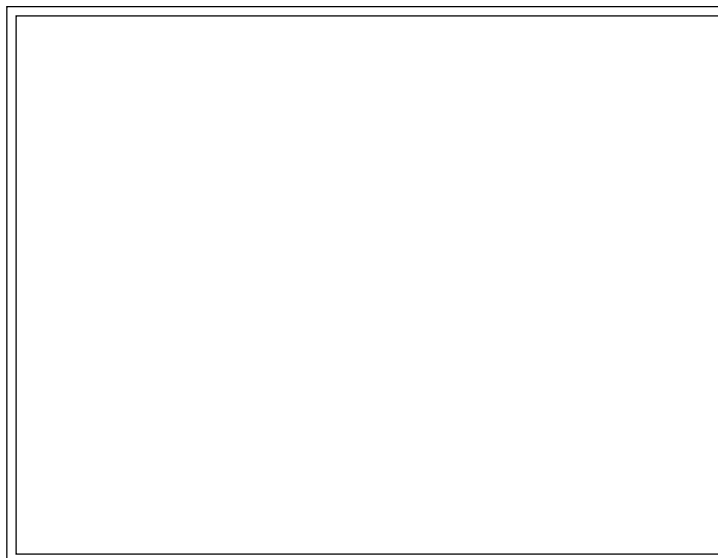
The captain said he left a few bucks in the wallet. He suspects someone removed the cash, then tossed the wallet over the lockers where it was preserved for 15 years.

He said the tux receipt was one of the more unusual items, and rummaging through the wallet has been a lot of fun.

"The pictures definitely brought some memories back," he said. "There was a picture of my best friend in high school. And a couple others like one of a school dance. I was amazed that that receipt was in there for the senior prom."

A stunned Daskevich finds the whole situation ironic, especially considering that of all the possible times the staff could have replaced the lockers, they happened to do it while he was stationed here.

"I've been here for two years and am leaving at the end of the month. And just the irony that they decided to move the lockers and just happened to find the wallet back there — and somebody would actually take the time to try to find the owner of a wallet that's 15 years old," he said. "It just boggled my mind. I've definitely taken a walk down memory lane."



Intramural basketball standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Points for</u>	<u>Points against</u>
LCSAM	9	2	306	250
Med Gp	7	2	387	311
87 FTS	6	0	326	232
OSS #1	6	2	381	328
CS/CONS/				
CES	4	3	324	295
SVS	4	3	248	283
84/85 FTS	4	4	313	276
OSS #2	3	5	210	290
86 FTS	2	5	250	320

Sports programs

Workout program

The XL Fitness Center is sponsoring a self-directed workout program called “Laughlin Around the World in 365 Days.” The program simulates traveling from one place to another by using various pieces of fitness equipment to get there. Prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Javier Aguirre at 298-5326.

Trap and skeet

A trap and skeet league is ongoing every Sunday from noon until 3 p.m. This is an individual league with no handicaps. One round of skeet and one of trap are available for everyone.

For more information, call Doug Peckham at 298-5830.

Yo-Yo Club

The Health and Wellness Center will be offering a new support group called The Yo-Yo Club for anyone trying to lose weight or get into shape. The group will be starting April 11 and will be held every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Clinic Training Room. All are encouraged to come and bring a lunch.

This support group will be offering tips on good nutrition, exercise, behavior modification and stress prevention.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions about the group, call the HAWC at 298-6464.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

I can't believe it's low-fat

Staff Sgt. Denny Bensen, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron industrial hygiene element chief, is put to the test by Staff Sgt. Jenny Ruiz, Health and Wellness Center NCOIC of nutrition, during the fourth annual Snack Food Taste Test at the Health and Wellness

Center Wednesday. Participants are asked to tell the difference between popular food products and determine which is lower in fat. The event is held to celebrate National Nutrition Month, observed throughout the month of March.

**Sports Safety –
Play it Safe**

